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Mr. Dulles:

The United States certainly cannot take offense at the suggestion of the Soviet Foreign Minister that the European countries should get together for their own collective security without the participation of the United States. The United States, I think, has never intruded itself as an unwanted participant in European affairs, and we do not have any intentions of doing so in the future.

I recall the pact of mutual assistance which the Soviet Union made in 1939 with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania which Mr. Molotov at the time described in language which is almost exactly the same language he has now used in the Second Preamble of the new treaty he has just proposed.

The pact with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania was described by him as, "strictly stipulating the inviolability of the sovereignty of signatory states and the principle of non-interference in each others affairs".

The Second Preamble to which I refer speaks of "Respecting the independence and sovereignty of the states and non-interference in their internal affairs."

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What happened to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania has gone on and on and has, I am afraid, created the division to which the Soviet Foreign Minister refers. It is a division between those who have been absorbed by the Soviet Union and the others who do not want to be absorbed.

Whether or not the Soviet proposal of today will obliterate that division for European nations is, as I say, something which is primarily to be considered by other states than the United States, which, as far as it is concerned, is determined that it will not be absorbed.

(Given DCI by C.D. Jackson 14 Mar 59).